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TO THE PEOPLE OF MONTANA

Allen Ginsberg to Speak at MCH Billings Anniversary Celebration

Poet Allen Ginsberg will present a reading of his poetry Friday, April 30th, at 8:00pm at the Alberta Bair Theater as part of the MCH Twentieth Anniversary Celebration. Ginsberg's reading is co-sponsored by *The Writer's Voice* project of the Billings Family YMCA.

A poet and peace activist who has been called the Walt Whitman of his generation, Ginsberg is one of the last surviving members of the Beat Generation. Along with fellow writers such as Jack Kerouac, William Burroughs, and Neal Cassidy, Ginsberg helped create a literary and cultural movement in the 1950s that questioned the values and beliefs of the period. His most famous work, Howl, focused on the evils of materialism and served as a counterculture manifesto for his generation.

Ginsberg continues to draw new admirers, traveling and touring the world giving performances that would tax rap groups. Today he focuses his howl against injustice, censorship, violations of human rights, America's obsession with power,

Allen Ginsberg

and the evils of smoking. A member of the American Institute of Arts and Letters, Ginsberg is also a co-founder of the Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics at the Naropa Institute, the first accredited Buddhist college in the Western World. Now a Distinguished Professor at Brooklyn College, Ginsberg's publications include Collected Poems 1947-1980, White Shroud Poems 1980-1985, Howl, Allen Ginsberg's Photography and a recording of poetry and music, *The Lion for Real.*

Tickets for the reading are $7 adults, $4 students, and will be available at the Alberta Bair Theater and METRA. To charge tickets, please call 406-256-6052.

In addition to featuring Ginsberg at its Anniversary Celebration, MCH will thank organizations and individuals from eastern Montana who have encouraged humanities programs in their local communities. Over thirty scholars, academic institutions, community organizations, and community leaders will receive *Certificates of Appreciation* recognizing their contributions to humanities programming.

Our Mission

The Montana Committee for the Humanities, founded in 1972, provides services and grants in support of public programs in history, literature, philosophy, and other disciplines of the humanities. The educational and cultural programs sponsored by the Committee encourage Montanans to reflect on humanity's creative achievements, to conserve cultural diversity, to probe the meaning of human values, and foster a deeper appreciation of ourselves, our culture, and our world.

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MCH ELECTS NEW OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
NEW GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEES JOIN COMMITTEE

White Sulphur Springs rancher **Jamie Doggett** has been elected 1993 Chair of the Montana Committee for the Humanities, and **Judy Browning** of Helena was elected Vice-Chair. Six new members have also joined the Committee, including Governor Marc Racicot's appointees.

Jamie Doggett is active across the state as a lobbyist for the Montana Cattlewomen's Association, rural supervisor for the Meagher County Conservation District, counsellor at Montana Girls' State, and first vice president of the Montana Federation of Republican Women. She also chairs the Latigo Rural Development Fund which furnishes scholarships to college for rural students. She is an appointee of Governor Racicot.

Jamie Doggett

Judy Browning is an attorney and Chief of Staff for Legal and Human Services for Governor Racicot. Her activities focus on Montana's libraries, and various civic, cultural, and legal issues in Helena and the state.

Joining MCH as an academic member, Greg Hirst, of Browning, is on the faculty at Blackfeet Community College where he teaches fine arts appreciation, native linguistics, and Blackfeet oral literature. Director of the Teacher-Training Program, Hirst has designed curriculum for BCC and Fort Peck Community College. He holds degrees in French and English from the College of Great Falls.

Richard King is a new public member from Chinook. He is Deputy Director of the Bear Paw Development Corporation which has brought investment and new jobs to the Havre/Hill County area, and is Chair of the Cultural and Aesthetic Projects Advisory Committee. He holds an M.A. from the University of Montana and spent four years working in tourism in Afghanistan with the Peace Corps.

Missoula freelance writer Margaret Knox was elected as a public member. Her writings cover issues such as federal wildlife policy, Greater Yellowstone, and the Superfund. Her background includes owning and operating a news bureau in Zimbabwe, which helped cover Africa for the Washington Post, NPR, and the BBC. Her degrees are in history and journalism, with an M.A. in the latter from the University of Michigan.

Academic member Stephen Sylvester chairs the Department of Humanities and Social Science at Northern Montana College. He has presented humanities programs along the Highline. He holds a Doctor of Arts in Recent American History from the University of North Dakota and has published works on aspects of the history of Minnesota, North Dakota, and New Mexico.

William Bevis, one of Governor Racicot's new appointees, is an English Professor at the University of Montana where he teaches American Literature. He was one of the editors of the MCH-funded anthology The Last Best Place and in 1988 received the MCH Award in the Humanities for his contribution to that project. Another of his recent publications is the popular Ten Tough Trips: Montana Writers and the West.

David Stewart, Governor Racicot's other appointee, is a retired professor of English living in Bozeman. Dr. Stewart was head of the English Department at Texas A&M University. He is a former board member of the National Endowment for the Humanities Research and Program Development committee and in 1984 served on Secretary of Education Bennett's State of Learning in the Humanites board.

The Montana Committee for the Humanities extends its grateful thanks its out-going members **Ron Bibler, Ann Cogswell, Ken Egan, Walter Fleming, Larry Kravik,** and **Sara McClernan** for their generous service to the Committee over the past four years.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOTE: CHECK LOCAL PUBLICITY FOR LOCATIONS AND SPONSORS

BAKER

•April 28, **READ*ON!*** A Raisin in the Sun, Rose Marie Aus
•May 26, **READ*ON!*** The Glass Menagerie, Rose Marie Aus

BOZEMAN

•April 3, **Sacred Encounters, Exhibit Opening**, Museum of the Rockies
•April 3, **Sacred Encounters: Telling the Story**, Museum of the Rockies
•April 12, *Speakers Bureau* "Salish History Precontact: The Journey Forward," Myrna Adams, Museum of the Rockies
•June 14-27, **Classroom Encounters: Teaching the Literatures and Cultures of Native Americans**, Department of English, Montana State University

BILLINGS

•April 7-12, **Ceramics: Clues to the Past, Hints to the Future**, Eastern Montana College and Rocky Mountain College
•May 13, *Speakers Bureau* "The World Within, the World Without," Lowell Jaeger, Yellowstone Art Center-Regional Writers Project
•May 21-22, **The New Europe: A Conference for Montana Citizens**, Institute for Peace Studies at Rocky Mountain College

BUTTE

•April 24, **Montana Archaeological Society 1993 Annual Meeting**, Montana Archaeological Society
•May 11, **READ*ON!*** Sacagawea, Ron Therriault, Butte

CHINOOK

•April 26, **READ*ON!*** During the Reign of the Queen of Persia, Nathalie Oppedahl

DEER LODGE

•May 17,*Speakers Bureau* "As Others See Us: Montana and the Media," Dennis Aig, Kohrs Memorial Library

GLACIER PARK

•June 15, *Speakers Bureau* "Stories of Creation: Bear Chief Tells Why," Harold Gray, Elderhostel, Flathead Valley Community College

GREAT FALLS

•April 21, **READ*ON!*** Lewis and Clark among the Indians, William Thackeray
•May 19, **READ*ON!*** Sacagawea, Harry Fritz

HARDIN

•April 18, **General Custer's "Libbie" by Arlene Killian**, Big Horn County Historical Society

HAVRE

•April 1, **Conflict Resolution**, Reading/Discussion Program, My Name is Asher Lev, Stephen Lockwood, Havre-Hill County Library
•April 15, **Conflict Resolution**, Reading/Discussion Program, Leaving the Land, John Snider, Havre-Hill County Library

HELENA

•June 17, *Speakers Bureau* "Brother Can You Spare a Dime?" William Rossiter, Montana Association for Family and Community Education

JOPLIN

•April 21, *Speakers Bureau* "That Russian Thing," Don Clark, Liberty County Arts Council

LEWISTOWN

•April 27, **READ*ON!*** This House of Sky, Lowell Jaeger

LIBBY

•April 27, **READ*ON!*** The Journals of Lewis and Clark, Harry Fritz

LINCOLN

•April 24, *Speakers Bureau* "Stories of Creation: Bear Chief Tells Why," Harold Gray, Council for the Arts, Inc.

MISSOULA

•April 15, *Speakers Bureau* "The World Within, the World Without," Lowell Jaeger, Hellgate High School
•April 28, *Speakers Bureau* "American Indian Education: Yesterday and Today," Jon Reyhner, AISES (American Indian Science and Engineering Society)
•April 29, **Guest Speaker: Dr. Adrienne Zihlman, Professor, University of California Santa Cruz**, Anthropology Club at The University of Montana
•June 3, *Speakers Bureau* "Mark Twain in Montana," Dale Harvey, Historical Museum at Fort Missoula

STEVENSVILLE

•May 23, **Gretel Erlich at the Teller Wildlife Refuge**, Department of English at the University of Montana and Teller Wildlife Refuge

WHITEFISH

•April 8, *Speakers Bureau* "The World Within, the World Without," Lowell Jaeger, Whitefish High School
•June 22, *Speakers Bureau* "Stories of Creation: Bear Chief Tells Why," Harold Gray, Elderhostel, Flathead Valley Community College

BROADCASTS

Chrysti the Wordsmith on KGLT-FM Public Radio, and KEMC-FM

Speakers Bureau presentations are partially funded by the

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OUR PLACE IN THE WEST

Consultants review Native American artifacts with Western Heritage Center staff in preparation for "Our Place in the West" exhibit. (l to r) Conservator Kay-Karol Horse Capture, Museum Director Lynda Bourque Moss, Museum Registrar Elaine McClurg, and Consulting Historian George Horse Capture.

The Western Heritage Center was recently awarded a $325,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the project entitled "Our Place in the West: Places, Pasts, and Images of the Yellowstone Valley, 1880-1940." The grant is the largest N.E.H. programming grant ever awarded to a Montana institution.

"Our Place in the West" will tell the story of a critical period in the history of the Yellowstone Valley communities via three complementary components: a long-term exhibit, an anthology of original essays, and a series of informal symposiums. The exhibit will include a recreated dude ranch lobby, a working irrigation headgate, a Mexican colonia, and an interactive computer station. The anthology will explore several facets of the region's history and culture. A series of nine symposiums, called "gatherings," will further explore exhibit topics. Gatherings will take place in Billings, Livingston, Crow Agency, and Miles City.

The exhibit will open May 1, 1993, with a formal dedication in mid-June.

UPCOMING GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINES

Type of Grant Application	Amount Requested	Application Deadline	Projects Beginning
General Mini Planning Oral History	$3,000 or less	20th of each month	10 weeks after application deadline
General Mini Planning Oral History	over $3,000	Aug. 20, 1993	Nov. 1, 1993
		Oct. 20, 1993	Dec. 29, 1993
		Dec. 20, 1993	Feb. 15, 1994
Media Phase I, Scripting	$1,000 or less	20th of each month	6 weeks after application deadline
Media Phase II, Production	any amount	Dec. 20, 1993	Feb. 15, 1994
Media Phase III, Distribution	$3,000 or less	20th of each month	10 weeks after application deadline

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When you make a tax-deductible gift to the MCH, you not only assist in the agency's mission of creating and fostering humanities programs for Montana, you may receive a special benefit for yourself. **Your donation of $100 or more entitles you to a free copy of *Landscapes of the Mind*,** our 20th Anniversary commemorative poster created by Montana artist Monte Dolack.

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- monthly calendar of events

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